

# Internet Activates English Teaching : Reading English Newspapers on the Web

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## Abstract

Our research suggests that on-line method using the newspapers on the Web is positive for the learners. Internet gives various challenges in the areas of motivation and feedback and encourages students to be more self-directed learning and learn computer technology.

**Key words** : Internet, newspaper, English teaching, computer technology

## 1 Introduction

It is said that computer skills form the basis of national economic survival in the 21st century. English is the language of Internet and is becoming common to communication in the world. English learning and teaching are accelerated to be used through its use on Internet. Internet is virtually a gold mine for English teaching. Never before have we had such an effective and powerful tool to access to many valuable information resources. Internet offers tremendous potential for English teaching. Used appropriately, it can enhance and facilitate education and it is instructionally significant. It can provide students with new, exciting and challenging resources. It can open the door to the world and provide students real world experience.

Internet is an ideal medium for teaching English to students about importance of communication, reading, and writing skills and learning personally. Students can exchange their ideas with others and access and share information on specific topics.

Internet provides access to thousands of English newspapers published all over the world that help students access to first-hand information. It can help students increase motivation, achievement and positive attitude to English learning. Internet adds a new dimension to English teaching in Japan. However, it also requires careful consideration of management of English teaching. Gaining access to English newspapers on the Internet presents English teachers with many teaching possibilities.

This paper outlines the advantages of electronic papers and characterizes some benefits and proposes some suggestions for using newspapers on the Web with the greatest profit for students as well as teachers.

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